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S E C R E T SINGAPORE 3436

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, MPOL, SN, NZ, UK

SUBJ: NAVAL BASE AND FUEL DEPOT

CINCPAC ALSO FOR POLAD

REF: A. STATE 158208; B. LONDON 10806; C. SINGAPORE 3317 (NOTAL)

1. REF A ADVISED THAT US HAD REJECTED NEW ZEALAND PLAN AND THAT US WOULD PURSUE DISCUSSIONS WITH HMG WITH VIEW TO ASSOCIATING US WITH ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENT TO BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN UK AND SINGAPORE. SINCE THEN EMBASSY LONDON HAS HAD FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH FCO (REF B) AND ADMIRAL CROWE HAS HELD DISCUSSIONS IN LONDON WITH RN AND FCO (REF C). WE ASSUME DEPARTMENT PLANS TO PURSUE DISCUSSIONS WITH HMG ALONG LINES OF ARRANGEMENTS DISCUSSED BY ADMIRAL CROWE.

2. AS SOON AS UK AND US ARE IN AGREEMENT ON SPECIFICS OF ALTERNATIVE PLAN, UK WOULD PRESUMABLY HAVE RESPONSIBILITY OF PRESENTING IT TO GOS FOR APPROVAL. TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE GNZ HAS NOT YET RESPONDED TO DEFENCE MINISTER GOH'S APPROACH THAT NEW ZEALAND ASSUME MANAGEMENT OF THESE FACILITIES. HOWEVER, GOH MAY WELL BECOME AWARE THAT USG INTEREST HAS SHIFTED TO UK

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PROPOSAL.

3. WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPERATIVE TO AVOID GIVING ANY APPEARANCE  
OF DEALING WITH THIRD COUNTRIES TO EXCLUSION OF GOS IN A MATTER  
CONCERNING SINGAPORE TERRITORY. THEREFORE, IF DEPARTMENT  
PERCEIVES NO OBJECTION, I INTEND TO REVIEW DEVELOPMENTS WITH  
MY UK AND NEW ZEALAND COLLEAGUES AND, IF THEY SEE NO OBJECTION,  
INFORM DR. GOH THAT NEW ZEALAND OPTION NOW APPEARS UNSATISFACTORY  
AND THAT WE ARE DISCUSSING ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS WITH UK  
WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED TO GOS FOR APPROVAL BY HMG IN DUE COURSE.  
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